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Federal candidates ready to campaign

Ray Spiteri
Postmedia Network

An 11-week federal election campaign was triggered this weekend by Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper, kicking off what is expected to be the costliest campaign ever, and the longest in more than a century.

And with the Conservatives, New Democrats and Liberals all having a legitimate shot at forming the next government, the three months leading up to the Oct. 19 federal election could turn into one of the most vicious and no holds-barred affairs in recent memory.

In the Niagara Falls riding, which includes Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie, federal Liberal candidate Ron Planché said constituents are "very concerned" about the direction of the local and national economy and are "frustrated by the arrogance" of Harper.

And for those two reasons, among others, Planché thinks the riding, which has been dominated federally by Conservative heavyweight Rob Nicholson since 2004, is "in play."

"Ten years is enough.

That's what I'm hearing," said Planché.

"Over the last decade when the Conservatives were in charge of the economy, we have not done well here in Niagara. Far too many good-paying jobs have been lost, far too many of our kids are leaving the area because there are far too few meaningful jobs with long-term opportunities and prospects. When you are handed a robust, vibrant economy and you starve it into a recession, something is definitely wrong."

"I think Mr. Nicholson has some problems out there."

Rather than develop a comprehensive plan to improve the economic prospects of the riding, and the country as a whole, the Conservative government has focused on fear tactics, attacking their political opponents and "bribing" Canadians "with their own money," said Planché.

Planché said he has a three-part plan that he will unveil in more detail during the campaign.

He said the plan will invest in youth, provide security for seniors and invest in "infrastructure that matters to create well-paying jobs

now and opportunities long into the future."

Nicholson has been Niagara Falls MP since 2004. He was re-elected in 2006, 2008 and 2011.

He has been one of Harper's most trusted senior colleagues, serving in several ministries, including minister of justice, defence and most recent, foreign affairs. He was also attorney general of Canada.

Nicholson said he believes his constituents are concerned about the economy and "I think they'll support our approach to it, which is keeping taxes low and investing in infrastructure, investing in the industries of Niagara (and) balancing the budget."

They are concerned about national security, whether it's at home or abroad, and I believe that they'll come to the conclusion that Stephen Harper is the best one to ensure those."

Nicholson said the riding has benefited from countless federal infrastructure funding initiatives during the last 10 years.

He also pointed to the government getting rid of the federal excise tax to support the Canadian wine industry and support for the auto industry.

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Message is what matters, says Nicholson

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The New Democratic Party has not yet named a candidate - at press time, former Niagara Falls Liberal MPP Kim Craitor, who is currently a Niagara Falls city councillor, said he would announce a decision later this week.

He said the "Invasive Phragmites" I just found out that Niagara College who realize how environmentally damaging this species can be have been conducting tests/trials for techniques to reduce/eliminate it from Campus Wetlands and entrance.

I also found out that Enbridge have contributed \$100,000 to help eliminate it from the Lake Huron Shoreline commencing with Brucedale Conservation area. was approached by the NDP to consider running for the party's nomination in the riding. He has yet to make a public decision.

When asked about his opposing candidates, including the possibility of running against Craitor, Nicholson said he's just focused on his message.

"The election is on and I'm sure (the NDP will) come up a candidate soon, but I'm going forward, getting out my message to the people of Niagara Falls. I've been very grateful for the opportunities they've given me over the years and very proud to represent the people of Niagara."

Steven Soos, a 20-year-

old Welland resident, will represent the Green Party in the Niagara Falls riding.

Among his priorities, Soos said he wants to see the retirement age restored back to 65 and would fight against government health-care transfer cuts.

"The Conservatives cut \$36 billion in health care, which is very concerning because the Green Party wants to invest in preventative care, fighting against issues such as obesity before they happen," he said. Soos said he would like to see the federal government endorse a senate private-members bill tabled by Liberal Wilfred Moore of Nova Scotia aiming to ban the breeding, acquisition and live capture of cetaceans across Canada.

Soos also said he is committed to the mandatory labelling of GMO foods;

increasing environmental regulations for corporations who pollute and fighting for increased funding for post-secondary students.

Niagara Falls resident Paul Martin will be the Libertarian candidate.

"I will be pledging half of the oversized MP salary back into the district, in hopes to help cover taxpayer money lost paying for the election," said Martin.

He said Canadians are overly taxed and the current government has not been good stewards of the economy.

"The more tax breaks people have, the more they will live a successful life. The more lenient (taxes), the more room for Canadians to thrive."

Riding candidates:

Conservative: Rob

Nicholson - MP since 2004, served as attorney general of Canada, minister in several departments, including justice, defence, foreign affairs

Green: Steven Soos - Welland resident, Trent University - international development major, was youngest city council candidate for Welland in the 2014 municipal election

Liberal: Ron Planche - worked as executive assistant to former Liberal MPP Kim Craitor for eight years, professional background in sales, marketing communications, government relations, photojournalism, served as municipal councillor in Oakville, regional councillor in Halton

Libertarian: Paul Martin - Niagara Falls resident,



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Time to celebrate local peach farmers

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

This year's Peach Festival will be a trip down memory lane for organizer Maria Bau-Coote.

The festival will be a tribute to tender fruit farmers, she says - there may be fewer of them since grapes have taken over, but they work just as hard and are just as dedicated as they were when the first festival at St. Vincent de Paul Church celebrated the peach harvest.

So helping to organize the festival, which has been fundraising for the church and promoting peaches for about three decades, comes naturally to Bau-Coote.

But this year will be especially nostalgic, with

her grandfather's 1956 Dodge Fargo pick-up truck, which she inherited, parked on the lawn of the church, overflowing with fresh peaches to sell.

It was always used to transport peaches from her grandparents' East and West Line farm to Niagara Fruit and Vegetable, she said.

The last time it was driven was to carry her from her parents' home to St. Vincent de Paul on her wedding day, and then to Navy Hall for her reception.

"It's been in a barn in storage since then," she said.

"This will really be a trip down memory lane for me. My grandparents would be really proud to see it sitting on the lawn of the church."

In preparation for the festival, 800 pies are being baked this week.

"Last year we had 645 pies, and we sold out in about 45 minutes. It was overwhelming," said Bau-Coote.

New this year, tickets will be sold for the pies when the festival begins, she said - the price is still \$12.

The church event offers fun for all, including a kids corner with face painting, balloon animals, a clown and crafts.

Also for kids, Alex Nelson will be there with an interactive dinosaur educational program, including replica dinosaur bones.

In addition to the pies and baskets of fresh peaches, there will be peach punch, peach jam, peach

sundaes and crepes.

There will be the traditional barbecue and fresh corn, Pig Out, and Linda and Jackie providing live entertainment. St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs will also be onsite.

The Peach Festival is on the grounds of St. Vincent de Paul Church on Picton St. Sunday, Aug. 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Penny Coles/
Niagara Advance

Maria Bau-Coote looks after marketing for the St. Vincent de Paul Peach Festival. Brian Carly is the chair of the festival committee and Mary Ann Brzezka is organizing the baking committee, which is busy this week producing 800 pies to sell.



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At 11 a.m. the Pipe

and Drum Corps leads a parade along the street, with live entertainment continuing the rest of the day.

At noon, there will be a peach pie contest in front of the Court House - drop off your pie between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the Market Square Room to be in the contest.

Saturday evening, join local wineries, breweries and restau-

rants for an evening of wine, beer and culinary treats on Queen St.

Sunday evening, 1,000 guests will sit down to enjoy Shades of Summer Harvest Dinner, outdoors on Queen St., with music performed by Flat Broke.

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Point of View

Craitor would carry baggage into election

We get what the New Democrats are up to in Niagara Falls, and it makes some sense.

The party hasn't run a credible federal candidate in the riding, which also includes Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie, for as long as anyone can remember, but the dynamics have changed this time around.

In some corners the NDP has a real shot of forming the next government after the October election, so they figured it was time to get serious in the Falls and come up with more than a sacrificial lamb to face Conservative incumbent Rob Nicholson.

Enter Kim Craitor, the name almost no one expected to hear.

At press time, Craitor had said he was approached to run for the NDP, and sounded as if it was a serious consideration, but hadn't announced his decision.

Craitor is well known and generally popular in the riding. He sat for three consecutive terms as the Niagara Falls' Liberal MPP before abruptly resigning mid-term in 2013, saying only that he was mentally exhausted.

Craitor was a city councillor from 1990-2003 and often said those were the most enjoyable days of his political life. So he returned to city hall in last October's municipal election following a brief recess from public life.

While at Queen's Park, Craitor honed a reputation for speaking his mind, not always a popular thing

in party politics. He broke ranks on everything from policy to the colour of his campaign signs and literature. His penchant for turning up at local birthday parties and backyard barbecues played well with the constituents, if not necessarily the backroom wonks.

So while we understand why the NDP suddenly wants to wrap a populist like Craitor in orange - he was a former executive director of the Niagara Falls Employment Help Centre, and would easily fit with the party's left-leaning ideals - we're not quite sure why Craitor would have considered a leap to the national stage.

If he couldn't handle the frustration of melding Queen's Park with his riding's concerns, why would he think it would be easier in Ottawa.

Furthermore, how would he explain quitting in 2013? The municipal electorate didn't seem to care last year. But we have a feeling Nicholson, if he feels sufficiently threatened by a newly minted New Democrat, would bring up the subject. Same for Liberal nominee Ron Planché, who incidentally used to be MPP Craitor's executive assistant and is not happy his former boss might step into the ring.

So while Craitor may have seemed like a shrewd choice as a candidate for the NDP, like most politicians, he would come with some baggage.

-Postmedia Network

Passion for Wells of Hope



Organizers say the Passion event at Mori Gardens Friday was a great success with more than 300 people enjoying the local food and drink samplings. There was a full dance floor through the evening with Sandy Vine playing crowd favourites. A spirited live auction and generous silent auction bidding will help provide for upcoming Wells of Hope projects, providing clean drinking water to thousands of people in the mountainous regions of Guatemala.

Photo by Cosmo Condino

letters to the editor

Thanks to all who supported and helped with the 53rd annual St. David's Lions Carnival

The 52nd annual St. David's District Lions Carnival for 2015 concluded on Sunday, July 26

after a four-day event blessed with excellent weather and ending with happy winners from our grand prize draws.

This year's carnival had the usual games, rides and food that many came to enjoy. The carnival was capped with a concert from a great musical group named Vinyl Flux. It also featured other great local musical

talent that was well received and enjoyed by the hundreds that came to listen to the music while enjoying local craft beer and wine as well as the great food.

As carnival chair and as the incoming president of the St. David's and District Lions Club, I would like, on behalf of all our members to extend our sincere thanks for

another successful carnival.

Thank you to our corporate supporters, and to Rob Townsend and his crew from Townsend's Amusements for providing great rides and fun games. Thank you to the several local businesses that sponsored the great musical entertainment we all so enjoyed.

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members, Leo members, Lioness members and their family and friends for their hard work, their heartfelt dedication to an event so important in ensuring vital funding is raised towards the many projects Lion's support annually. All such funds raised make their way back to your community.

We would especially like to thank the wonder-

ful community that comes out year after year to support and enjoy our carnival.

Your support means everything to us without which we could not succeed.

We look forward to 2016 in bringing to you an even bigger, more exciting 53rd annual Lions Carnival.

Martin Forster

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Opinion

Treating acute heart attacks: it's all about organization

The risk of heart attacks and stroke has dropped 30-40% in the last decade.

This success can be attributed to better control of high blood pressure, widespread use of cholesterol lowering drugs, fewer smokers, and better methods for treating acute heart attacks and stroke with thrombolytic agents, stents and in the case of ischemic strokes, plucking the clot out with an extractor.

This success is remarkable given the increased prevalence of diabetes and obesity, both of which are associated with increased risk of heart attack and stroke. So what's missing from this otherwise upbeat story of success?

It turns out that while a stent in an acute heart attack dramatically reduces the risk of damage to the heart, stents inserted prophylactically into chronically narrowed coronary arteries in patients with angina don't appear to reduce the risk of acute heart attacks, even if they do reduce the angina.

And cholesterol-lowering drugs (statins) do just as well as stents at reducing chronic effort-related angina. What's going on here? Why doesn't opening up obvious bottlenecks in coronary arteries reduce the risk of acute heart attacks?

The reason is that acute heart attacks aren't so much related to those chronically pinched coronaries as they are to ruptures in fatty plaques within the arterial wall. The site of those ruptures often bears little relationship to the degree with which the coronary was previously narrowed.

Ruptured plaques provoke the formation of a



Dr. Bill Brown
from the health desk

local blood clot, which if it becomes large enough, may cut off the blood supply to the heart muscle downstream from the clot.

Inserting a stent into the blocked coronary works by restoring the blood flow but must be done in a timely fashion before the heart muscle become irreversibly damaged.

The latter often provokes irregularities in the coordinated contraction of the heart. Those irregularities, in some instances, can be fatal and if the damage to the heart muscle was extensive enough, may lead to acute or chronic heart failure.

The other reason mortality and morbidity in acute heart attack and stroke declined is that the health care system has become much better organized in many regions in the U.S. and Canada to reduce the time interval between the heart attack (or stroke) and when treatments such as clot busting drugs are administered, or in the case of acute heart attacks, a stent is inserted.

To get the time down between the call to EMS and treatment to less than an hour is the new 'gold standard' for acute heart attacks and requires a lot of organization and changes in medical culture.

For example in many regions in North America, EMS can send a copy of the EKG wirelessly to the local emergency room where the on-call physician, without waiting for a cardiologist's opinion, makes the decision about whether the patient is suffering from an acute heart attack.

With a single call, the ER physician may then summon all members of the on-call heart attack team, including nurses, physicians and an interventional radiologist.

The goal is for all members of the team to converge on the treatment center within 15 to 30 minutes. Once there, in a room previously set aside and appropriately stocked for just such an emergency, the team preps the patient, following which a catheter is inserted into the femoral artery in the groin and threaded into the blocked coronary artery and a stent is inserted to keep the artery open - all within 15 minutes or less.

It's all very slick when the infrastructure and highly organized and trained staff are available 24/7. That's how it works for heart attacks and the way it should work for stroke.

Recent studies have clearly shown that the outcome from strokes caused by clots blocking the large arteries supplying the brain, are much better if the clot is mechanically extracted compared to the administration of a clot busting drug alone.

The brain is very vulnerable to the absence of oxygen and glucose and improving outcomes is more than fancy drugs; it's about getting things done on time.

Phragmites doing terrible damage

Have you heard of invasive phragmites?

I had not, and when local ecologist Lynn Legallais telephoned me and offered to drive me around to see this terrible weed, also called common reed, causing damage to our wetlands and beaches, I jumped at the chance.

It was a lovely day for drive in the countryside. I had done some homework, and learned that when this terrible weed first showed up several years ago, it seemed to love ditches and all waterways, and grew in amongst the bullrushes. But it is taller and stronger and the roots emit a toxin that deters other plants, and so this eight-foot tall wall advanced over our countryside, each tall stem holding up a seed head containing 2,000 seeds.

As I said, I was looking forward to a drive out to the



Jean Cochrane
Happily Gardening

countryside to see this menace, so imagine my shock when just a short distance from my driveway Lynn said, 'see, there it is.'

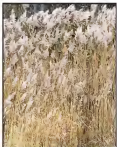
It's growing on the metal fence on the bridge over the creek, just past the Old Winery Restaurant on the way out of town.

Yes it is on our doorstep, and to get rid of it, it has to

be cut down and burned, then the roots dug up and poisons used to prevent a return.

The province did provide some help, but the growth far outweighs what has been done.

We have trouble and it is all round us.



This toxic reed is growing close to home, says gardener Jean Cochrane.

Garden of the Week



This beautiful garden, cared for by Carl and Christina Nickel, turns heads with its delightful curb appeal. The front garden has a pleasing balance of massing and void framing the home at 439 Line One. Pollinators benefit from each succession of blooms. Dark burgundy dahlias and bright black-eyed Susans thrive in the July heat. An unusual feature of the garden is the tropical blushing bromeliads. This gorgeous fragrant flower can be grown only by a very attentive gardener, in Niagara's temperate climate. Garden of the Week is an initiative of Community in Blooms. To nominate a garden please call 905-468-4261, or email ikulchar@notl.org.

Cats found on roadside taken to humane society

Bob Tymczyszyn
Postmedia Network

Authorities are investigating after two cats were found abandoned at the side of Stewart Rd. in Niagara-on-the-Lake early Saturday.

Lincoln County Humane Society inspector Todd Menard said the cats looked like they had been well cared for.

"These are somebody's cats. A good Samaritan found them and brought them to the shelter, now we're looking to find who did it or (who is) the owner of these cats," Menard said.

"They were stuck in a small carrier for a while. If no one had found them, these guys could have died in the cat carrier."

The cats have been nicknamed Stewart and Brownie because they were found near the Avondale Dairy Bar early Saturday.

Both cats are in good health and staff at the humane society hope the owner or whoever dropped off the cats will call into the offices.

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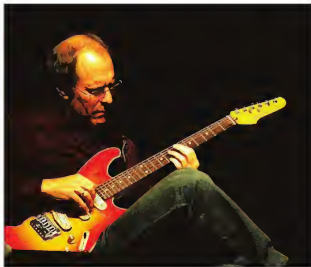
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2015 Peach Celebration Event Schedule

Saturday, August 8 • 10 am - 4:30 pm • Queen Street • Niagara-on-the-Lake

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| <p>10:00 AM:
PEACH MARKET ON QUEEN STREET
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• Led by the Fort George Fire & Drum Corps.
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Sunday, August 9 • Event Schedule

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Sunday, August 9th
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Local artist's watercolours at Pumphouse art centre

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Magdalena Titian is no stranger to the pumphouse - she was one of the artists to display her work at the first outside show on the property.

The building had not yet been restored, she said - the windows were cracked, it was full of mice, and the pump that had supplied water to town residents was still in the front room.

Once it opened as an art centre, she was the first instructor to teach there, she said.

She was drawn to Niagara-on-the-Lake from the first time she visited, and almost 30 years ago, bought her little home on Gate St., a former slave cottage, and began painting the beautiful gardens in town.

That became her signature style, and she still discovers new gardens she would love to paint - her style is plain air, meaning she paints outdoors, surrounded by nature, focus-

ing on what she sees that inspires her.

"I'm a walker, I walk every day, and I still see gardens that inspire me. I'm still in awe of the beauty I see in this town."

In the intervening years, she has also travelled the world, often as an art instructor with a group of students. She paints what she sees, from rugged mountains to desert landscapes, adapting her style to suit the vista.

As she has been exposed to new landscapes, she has grown as an artist, exploring new techniques, interpreting each new experience with a fresh approach to painting, she says.

"It gives me so much joy, and if I didn't experiment, I'd be bored silly. I love to discover new approaches that are really just another part of me."

But when she returns to the Niagara Pumphouse Art Centre this weekend, it will be with 16 new paintings, all floral watercolours from local gardens. It's what she's known for in the area, and the space is

too small to introduce different styles and different subjects, she says.

"I decided to keep it compact and local, with a local theme. To do otherwise would be confusing. If the styles are too varied, it wouldn't allow people to understand what I do."

Titian will be at the pumphouse for an opening salon Sunday, Aug. 9 at 2 p.m.

The exhibition of her latest works will be on display for the month of August.

The Pumphouse Arts Centre is located at 247 Ricardo St. and is open Monday to Friday noon to 4 p.m. and weekends 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information call

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Lailey Vineyard sold, production facility expanding

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Lailey Vineyard has been sold.

Donna and David Lailey, teachers who took over the family farm in 1970 from David's parents, have retired.

The business had been for sale for several years, says Ed Haddon, retail operations manager, and with nine years experience at Lailey, the only senior employee to remain with John Chang and his wife Allison Lu, owners of LuLu Island Winery in B.C., and another winery

set to open later this year.

Lailey winemaker Derek Barnett, a former partner in the business with the Laileys, chose not to remain with the new owners, says Haddon.

The business was divided into two parts, in a "complicated sale" that occurred in stages to Chang, with the sale of the winery business, including the retail store, closing last week. The turnover of the property and house was completed in July.

The retail store was closed during the transition of ownership, but will

reopen soon, Haddon said.

Comments on social media have the vineyards being torn up, icewine for export becoming the focus of the winery and the entire 2015 vintage being scrapped all together.

That's not true, said Haddon.

He says there was extensive damage to the vines last winter, and this year's yield is considerably smaller than recent years.

There is a "significant" renovation underway that includes a new production area, and it won't likely be ready for the fall

harvest, so this year, it might only be icewine that is made, he said.

If the sale had closed last March, "we'd be ready," he said, but it didn't, and they're not.

But that's not the plan for the future - Chang, the winemaker in his B.C. operation, has bought another 20 acres of vineyards up the Niagara River Parkway planted mostly with Riesling, and plans to expand the selection of table wines.

"We'll be making table wines next year."

In the meantime, he said, "we've got about 18

months of Lailey wines to sell."

Another rumour, that Lailey wines will no longer be sold in restaurants, is also untrue, he said.

Chang has decided to stop sales to Ottawa and Toronto restaurants, "but if it's close enough that I can put a case in my car and drive it there, we'll still be selling it," he said.

LuLu island's website describes Chang as a winemaker with 30 years experience, having learned to make wine from his grandmother. With a new \$7-million production plant, he is

combining Chinese traditional winemaking methods with modern Western technology and equipment.

Haddon was speaking for the owners who have returned to B.C. since the sale closed, but he couldn't address the issue of who will be making Lailey wines in future, with Barnett gone.

"We're headless at the moment, but that's not my department," he said.

"But like everybody else, we're trying to make the best wine we can and make a nickel while we're doing it."

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More than just a car show, Kinsmen promise 'family event'

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Each year, it gets harder to top last year's event, but the Kinsmen are going to try.

It's the 17th annual Niagara-on-the-Lake Kinsmen Car Show and Shine, and promises to be a great family event, says organizer Wig Baldauf.

Those interested in vintage cars will take their drive down memory lane Sunday, Aug. 9 at the Scout Hall on King St. from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

"We are hoping for a repeat in the weather that shone upon us last year, resulting in the best car show ever," says Baldauf.

The fundraising show and shine is one of the main fundraisers for the Kinsmen, with proceeds going to fund Cystic Fibrosis, the Kinsmen International cause, as well as local minor sports and other community causes.

The cost to enter a car into the car show is \$10, and spectators pay \$3, with kids under 12 admitted free.

Kids won't be bored, promises Baldauf, with about 400 vehicles expected to be on display.

"This is truly a family day, where parents and grandparents can share stories with their children and grandchildren about all the vintage cars they will see."

A new feature this year,

but a flash from the past is the Mayor's Choice Award, with Lord Mayor Pat Darte making the selection - he will not be selecting his own, says Baldauf.

There is a barbecue to enjoy, old-time music with hits from the 50s, 60s and beer and wine will also be available.



Nancy Moyer of St. Catharines stands behind her 2002 Ford Mustang Kinsmen Car Show, expected at the Scout Hall on Mary St.

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Lorraine Joyner looks over some of the items for sale at the Heritage Festival on the grounds of the Niagara Historical Museum Monday.
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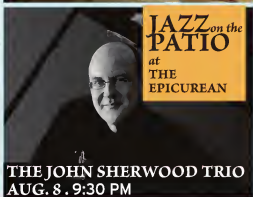
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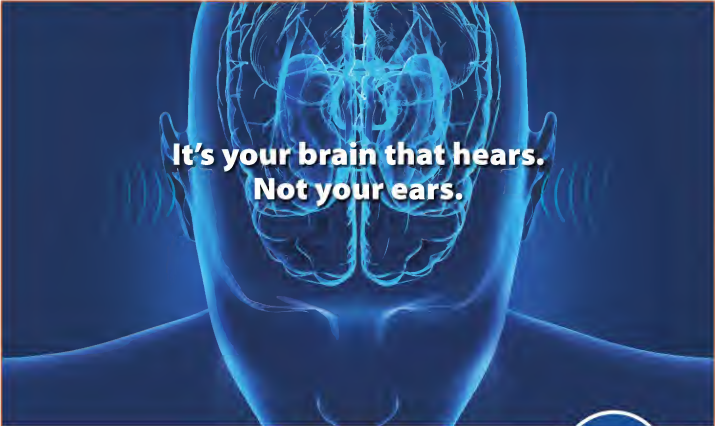
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EAGLESON, Eva Margaret Kristina, RN (nee Moller) - Passed away peacefully and arrived safely home to be with her Heavenly Father on Monday, July 27, 2015 at the age of 91. Beloved wife and best friend of 66 years to Dr. William (Mac) Eagleson. Loving mother of Lois (Roger) Melnychuk, of B.C., Janet (Karl) Jarosz, of NOTL, David (Heather) Eagleson, of Georgetown. Grandmother to David (Erika) Melnychuk, Darryl (Lindsay) Melnychuk, Karen (Kenny) Atkinson, Jennifer (Timothy) Calford, Philip (Tiffany) Jarzen, Stuart (Beth) Eagleson, Cheryl (David) Green, Matthew (Kayla) Eagleson and grandmother of 16. Eva leaves behind her dear sister-in-law Jean, and her treasured nieces, nephews and extended family members. Predeceased by her brothers Dr. Ted Moller and Dr. Evert (Mary) Moller. Eva was a graduate of the Toronto General Hospital and worked as a VON; as well, worked alongside Mac in his medical practice. She was also involved with her local churches and with the Christian Women's Club. The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the compassionate caregivers and staff at the Heidehof Home. In accordance with Eva's wishes, cremation has taken place. Arrangements are entrusted with the **GEORGE DARTÉ FUNERAL CHAPEL**. A Celebration of Eva's Life will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 1:30 a.m. at Heidehof, 630 Lake St., St. Catharines, with visitation held prior to the service from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. A private interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers and donations, the family appreciates your expressions of sympathy and comfort. On-Line Guest Book - www.georgedarte.funeralhome.com



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